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Subject: Escapeway Portal, Co-Op Mining Company, Bear Canyon #4 Mine,
C/015/0025, Task ID #2352, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

The above-referenced amendment has been reviewed. There are deficiencies that must be adequately addressed prior to approval. A copy of our findings is enclosed for your information. In order for us to continue to process your application, please respond to these deficiencies by December 7, 2005. Your application will be denied if a response is not received within 45 days of the date of this letter.

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5286 or Peter Hess at (435) 613-1146 ext. 203.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor

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cc: Price Field Office
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TECHNICAL DEFICIENCIES

Escapeway Portal, Task ID #2352

R645-301-515.311; “Each person who conducts UNDERGROUND COAL MINING and RECLAMATION ACTIVITIES will effectively support and maintain all surface access openings to underground openings, and secure surface facilities in which there are no current operations, but operations are to be resumed under an approved permit. [phh]

R645-301-529.100; “Each shaft or other exposed underground opening will be cased, lined, or otherwise managed as approved by the Division...” [phh]

R645-301-542.700; Final Abandonment of Mine Openings;

R645-301-551, Casing and Sealing of Underground Workings: the Permittee must provide a description as to how they intend to place and compact the twenty-five feet of backfill to ensure meeting the requirements relative to back filling and grading and the establishment of approximate original contour at the reclaimed escape portal surface area. Drawings depicting final surface configuration must be included. [phh]

R645-301-512.110; Mine workings to the Extent Known; 301-512.120 Surface Facilities and Operations; The Permittee needs to provide a legal description of the location of the proposed escape way portal, and depict the location of the proposed escape way portal in relationship to the #4 Mine portal pad. Both must be depicted on a topographic map of sufficient scale to allow any reviewer to obtain information necessary for this review. [phh]